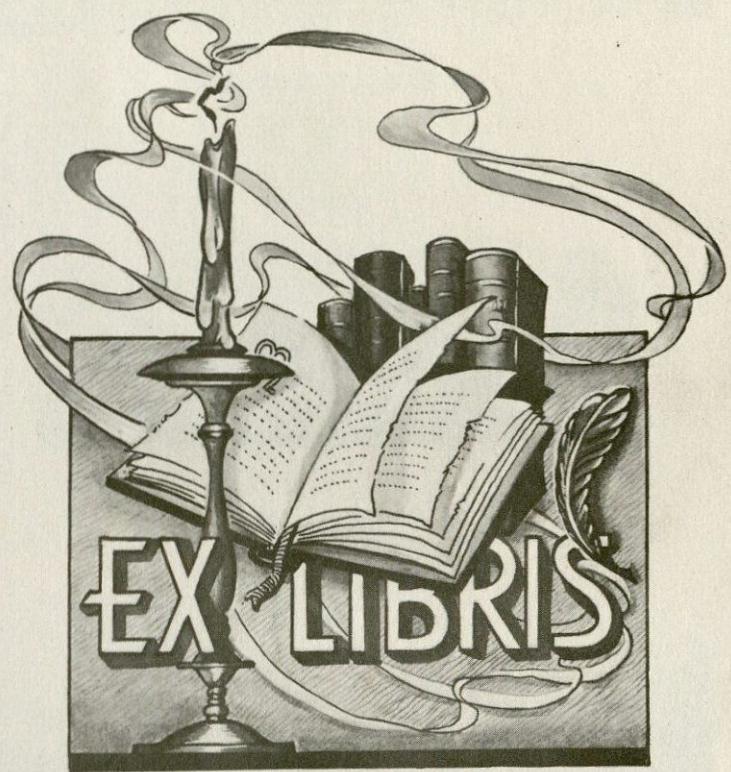
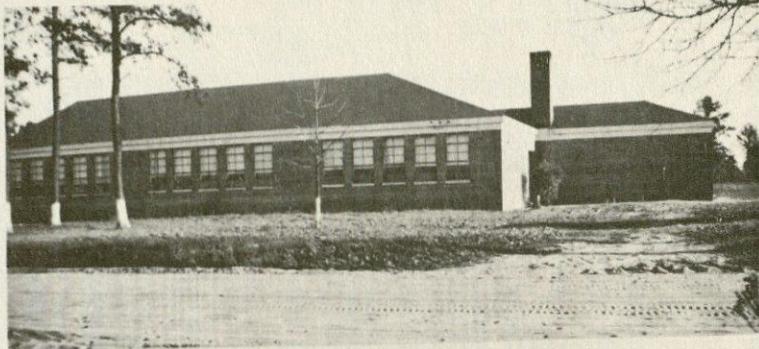


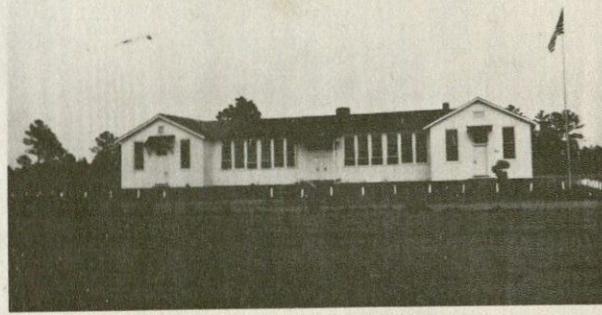
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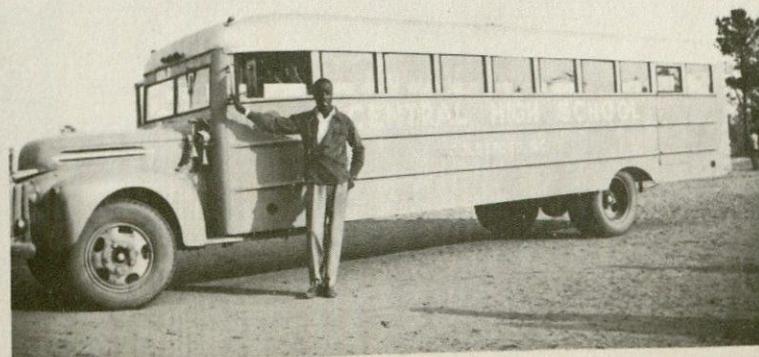
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## **DEDICATION**

With fond admiration and appreciation for the many years of loyal service and inspiration to the youth of Central High School District, we the class of 1950, do hereby dedicate this, the first issue of Highlights of Central to Mr. William M. Reinhardt our principal.



Our school is comparable to a machine. Once, not too long ago, it was a comparatively small one with a relatively small job to do, but within the past few years, decided changes have come about in the work this machine has to do.

Central has definitely grown. This year five hundred fifty-eight students entered her portals. Our school has endeavored to meet the needs of its students. It will continue to do so as the years go by.

To each of us this book should have the same significance. When our school has become much greater and an almost unrecognizable institution, we shall have the memories of this year, memories that can never be erased because of this book. A glance through these pages will keep our hearts aglow and our dreams ever cherished. We can never forget the Central High we knew in 1950.



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Senior Class Advisor,  
and Coach



Miss M. V. Solice  
Science & Mathematics



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Home Economics



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Eighth Grade



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and Coach



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Seventh Grade



Miss B. Washington  
Fourth Grade



Mrs. T. J. Ware  
English & French



Miss V. F. Foster  
Fifth Grade & Coach



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Second Grade



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Seventh Grade and  
Music



Mrs. A. G. Thornton  
Third Grade



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Dramatics.



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Physical Ed., Chorus,  
Dramatics.



RUBY MOSES

Basketball, Chorus,  
Dramatics.



ANNIE ADAMS

4-H Club, Student  
Council, Dramatics,  
Chorus.



WILLIE MAE BAKER

Physical Ed., Chorus,  
Dramatics.



GERTRUDE BEST

Physical Ed., Chorus,  
Dramatics.



GLADYS BEST

4-H Club, Chorus,  
Dramatics.



IOLA BEST

4-H Club, Chorus,  
Dramatics.



RUBY SWINSON

Basketball, Chorus,  
Dramatics.



RALPH WHITFIELD

Basketball, Chorus,  
Dramatics.



JESSAMINE CARROLL

Handicraft, Chorus.



QUEEN JOHNSON

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Dramatics.



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Dramatics.



EDNA WARD

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Dramatics.



ALETHEA WHITFIELD

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Dramatics.



ETHEL MARTIN

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Dramatics.



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Dramatics.



VALETHA DAVIS

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Dramatics.



MARGARET HOPNER

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Dramatics.



DOROTHY HALL

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Dramatics.



THELMA COLEY

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Dramatics.



CHARLIE BEST

Physical Ed., Chorus,  
Dramatics.



LUCILLE SUTTON

Basketball, Chorus,  
Dramatics.

# CLASS HISTORY



"ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE, AND ALL THE MEN AND WOMEN MERELY PLAYERS."

One bright morning in September, about four years ago, a starry-eyed group of youngsters decided that they would like to go on the stage. To the casual eye of the observer, these youngsters seemed merely a group of ordinary girls and boys well dressed, reasonably good looking and badly frightened. But to the trained eyes of the dauntless and experienced explorers, these strangers seemed distinct and widely separated individuals, each possessing aptitudes and talents, deficiencies and capabilities decidedly worth finding out. Gently attempting to dispel the fears of the strangers, the faculty bade them enter and spent the next few weeks attempting to gain their confidence and friendship. They succeeded after great difficulty in accomplishing this.

During this year, our class officers were as follows: President, Gertrude Lewis; Secretary, Queen Johnson; Treasurer, Mr. Harris; Reporter, Ruby Moses. During the year, we presented a one-act play, entitled "Who Murdered Who" under the sponsorship of Mr. Greenville Harris.

Our second year we advanced to property managers. The routine of the class room was now familiar and we found studying easier than before. The Sophomore Class organization was as follows: President, Rosalie Smith; Secretary, Dorothy Hall; Treasurer, Mr. Harris; Reporter, Ruby Moses. The talents discovered the previous year were developing rapidly, and the exploring teachers found much to please them, but also much to displease them. Our hit for the school year was the one-act play entitled "Rumors Wanted."

Our next promotion put us in our Junior year. We had looked forward to this because being a junior would make us feel that gradually our high school days were coming to a close. Our officers were as follows: President, Gertrude Lewis; Secretary, Annie Adams; Treasurer, Mr. Harris; Reporter, Ruby Moses. We were under the supervision of Mr. Harris, with Mrs. T. J. Ware as assistant. Our class chose as its class colors, blue and yellow; class flower, sweet pea; class motto, "Success Awaits at Labor's Gate." As a class project, we sponsored a Baby Contest which was a great success. It was also during this year that our class raised the most money in the school's Lunch Room Project, for which we received a prize. The most outstanding event of the year was the Junior-Senior Prom, which proved to be quite a success, thanks to the untiring efforts of each junior in putting the work over.

Finally, we reached the goal for which every junior had been striving; that of Dignified Seniors. We feel as though we are kings and queens in shining armour. We are striving to make this year the most joyous and happiest ever. Our class officers are as follows: President, Gertrude Lewis; Secretary, Annie Adams; Treasurer, Mr. Harris; Reporter, Ruby Moses. Mr. Harris is still the pilot of our class and we believe that we would not have attained the success that we have attained without his guiding hand. Already by request, we have presented our sophomore one-act play entitled "Rumors Wanted" at Central Hi and Pikeville Training School. The greatest event of our class thus far has been winning the prize for having raised the most money on the school's Bus Drive Project. This bus is for the purpose of transporting pupils on extra-class activities.

We have diligently labored four years and in accord with our motto - "SUCCESS AWAITS AT LABOR'S GATE," we have now achieved success.

# CLASS PROPHECY



Although it has never been publicly announced, it is generally known that we possess the remarkable power of projecting ourselves forward through the years into any given time in which we are interested. At this time being restless and weary with the chores of the dayy we long for a change of scenery and time.

Closing our eyes and relaxing a while, we venture years from now into the library of a town. We find ourselves in the reference room of the magnificent new building. As we glance at the shelves, our eyes are attracted by a thin blue book. Taking it down, we find the title is "Who's Who and Why?" Glancing through its pages, we see-

Annie Adams, as a matron in some college, having a hard time carrying out her rules, because she is always breaking them herself.  
Willie Mae Baker in Paris, France, designing dresses for herself alone.  
Gladys Best, as a nurse in some state hospital with fifty patients to care for. They will worry her so badly until finally she will go crazy.  
Gertrude Best, as one of the most outstanding pianists in the world, with "Mammy Sent Me To School One Day" as her theme song.  
Iola Best, a beautician in Concord, Maine, burning up some young Lady's hair.

Charlie Best, as a railway clerk with his business all torn up.

Thelma Coley, as a nurse, yet afraid of dead people.

Jessamine Carroll, as one of the best dressed women in the world, wearing many different types of furs.

Valethea Davis, the ugliest movie star in Hollywood with beautiful hair styles.

Dorothy Hall, as a dress designer in Seine, France, designing short clothes for tall people.

Margaret Horner, a dress designer in California, making more money as a comedian than as a dress designer.

Queen Johnson, as a private nurse for the DuPont family - giving black pills for the headache.

James Kornegay, a pharmacist, mixing medicines to cure the sick, but killing instead.

Eula Lewis, a waitress in a hotel, unable to set a table.

Gertrude Lewis, as a teacher in Africa, throwing children in all directions.

Ethel Martin, as a nurse in Hollywood, pacing from room to room.

Ruby Moses, not knowing any music, yet directing a hillbilly chorus.

Lucille Sutton, a soft-hearted elementary teacher with tears in her eyes, because she'll never learn how to keep her pupils quiet.

Ruby Swinson, as a science teacher, yet afraid of all insects.

Marion Smith, a radio technician in Tokyo, Japan, preparing no one's radio but his own.

Alethea Whitfield, as one of the most prominent business women in the world.

She still has no companion.

Ralph Whitfield, a mailcarrier, running everybody's business but his own.

Edna Ward, as a dress designer in Utah. She has almost decided to return to the farm.

## CELEBRITIES

In every group there are those who achieve great honors. In the class of 1950 we are happy to say that many honors have gone to the various members. For example:

Rosalie Smith has once been chosen the most outstanding actress in the school.

Gertrude Lewis has twice been chosen the most outstanding actress in the school.

In the year of 1946-47, Dorothy Hall was given credit for having the best conduct in school.

Certificates of Transportation were awarded James L. Kornegay and Ralph Whitfield in 1947-48.

In the year 1947-48, Ruby Swinson received awards for having the best conduct in school and for service rendered to the library. For the school year of 1948-49, Ruby was named the most cooperative girl in school, and was awarded a prize for her neatness. During the summer of 1949, Ruby was named the first governess of Tar Heel Girl State.

Annie Bell Adams was declared 4-H County Champion of Food Preservation in 1949, and won second prize in the State's Canning Contest.

In 1949, Alethea Whitfield was named the most dependable girl in the school, and was declared 4-H County Champion of Food Preparation.

Ralph Whitfield received a Perfect Attendance Certificate for 1943-44; Gertrude Best received certificates for 1946-47 and 1947-48; Ethel Martin received a certificate in 1946-47.

Honor students for 1946-47 were as follows: - Annie B. Adams, Rosalie Smith, Ruby Swinson and Alethea Whitfield. For the year 1947-48, the following: - Annie B. Adams, Lucille Sutton, Ruby Swinson and Alethea Whitfield. For the year 1948-49, the following: - Annie B. Adams, Dorothy Hall, Lucille Sutton, Ruby Swinson and Alethea Whitfield.

# CLASS WILL



We the class of 1950 being about to leave this sphere, in full possession of a sound mind, memory and understanding, do make and publish this our last will and testament, hereby revoking and making void all former wills by us at any time heretofore made. As to such estate as it has pleased the fates and our own strong arms to give us, we do dispose of the same as follows:

We give and bequeath to our principal, Mr. William Reinhardt, restful nights and peaceful dreams.

Dorothy Hall leaves her height to Harrison Barnes.

Ethel Martin wills her charming personality to Tina Edwards.

Valetha Davis wills her fancy hair-do to Mary Francis Jackson.

Lucille Sutton wills her dramatic ability to Margaret Becton.

Willie Mae Baker wills her dancing ability to Carrie Ann Best.

Eula Mae Lewis bequeaths her quietness to Nancy Barnes.

Gladys Best wills her chatter to Anna Grace Summers.

Edna Ward leaves her good behavior to Letha Mae Thompson.

Gertrude Lewis bequeaths her executive ability to James Hunter.

Ruby Swinson wills her neatness to Carrie Ward.

Gertrude Best leaves her musical ability to Margaret Durham.

Iola Best bequeaths her stream lined figure to Delois Lewis.

Annie Belle Adams leaves her poise to David Best.

Marion Smith wills his popularity to Alonzo Swinson.

James Kornegay bequeaths his huge appetite to Charles Thompson.

Ralph Whitfield wills his dancing and singing ability to Earl Summers.

Queen V. Johnson wills her dignity and glamorous smiles to Christine Ward.

Ruby Moses leaves her singing ability to Lois Sutton.

To Clifton McLaurin Jessamine Carroll wills her penmanship.

Charlie Best leaves his restlessness to Willard Matthews.

Thelma Coley wills her make-up kit to Martha Baker.

Aletha Whitfield wills her business ability to William Waters.

Margaret Horner wills her lunch box to Lila B. Williams.



ELEVENTH GRADE - Class Officers: President, Nancy Barnes; V.Pres.,  
Tina Edwards; Sec., Carrie Ward; Treas., Luvenia Best.  
Teacher - Mrs. T. A. Branch



TENTH GRADE - Class Officers: Pres., Annie Summers; V.Pres., Bessie  
McLaurin; Sec., Willie E. Adams; Ass't. Sec., Delores Lewis; Treas.,  
Alee Best; Reporters, Harrison Barnes and Milford Best.  
Teacher - Miss M. L. Solice



NINTH GRADE - Class Officers: Pres., Helen Buckram; V.Pres., Annie J. Smith; Sec., Mary Ann Best; Asst. Sec., Lucinda Howell; Treas., John O. Lewis.

Teacher - Mrs. T. J. Ware



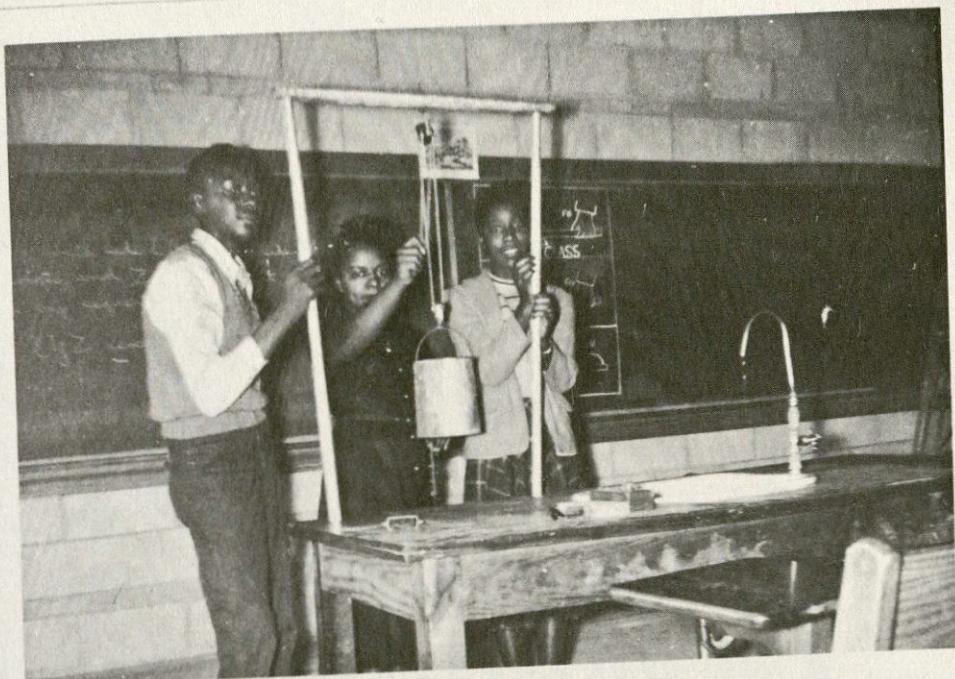
EIGHTH GRADE - Class Officers: Pres., Ruth Best; V.Pres., Margaret Taylor; Sec., Hattie Durham; Asst. Sec., Etta Joyner; Treas., William Lewis.

Teacher - Miss R. R. Mitchell

# BIOLOGY



## PHYSICS



## HOME ECONOMICS





# ACTIVITIES

## **Student Council**



## **4-H Club**



## **Dramatic Club**



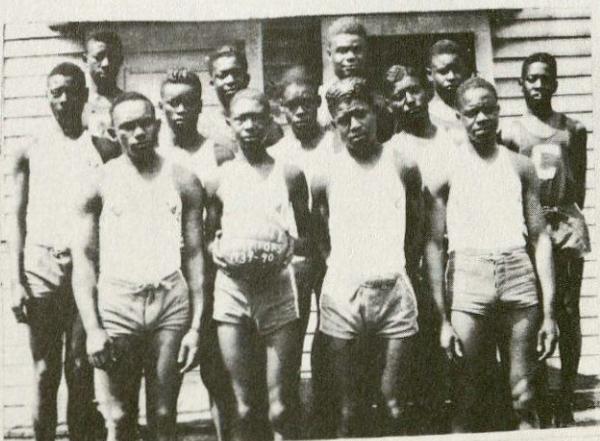


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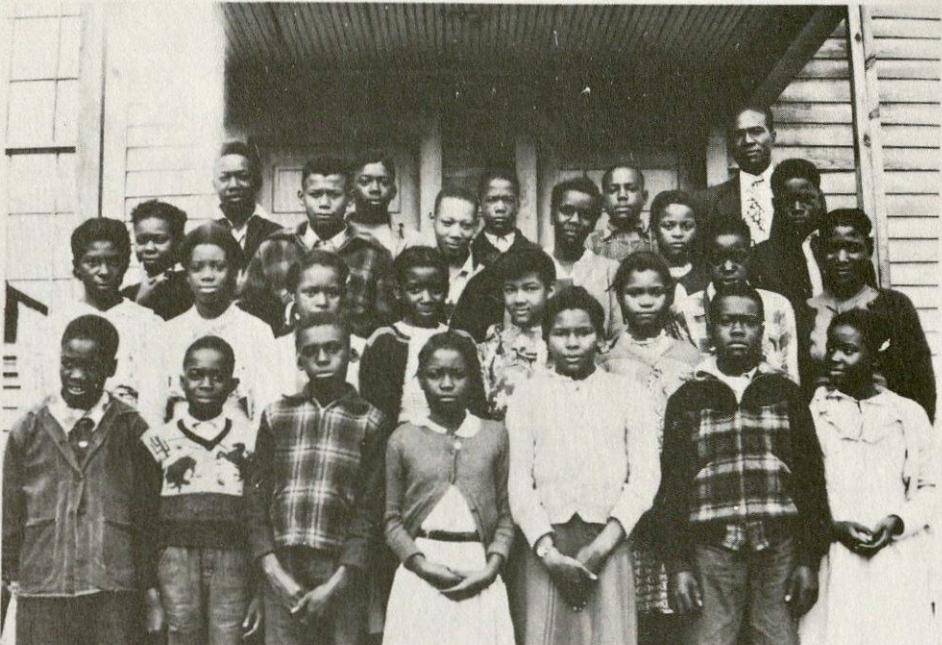
SEVENTH GRADE - Class Officers: Pres., Mary Thompson; V.Pres.,  
Lynwood Jackson; Sec., Shirley Best; Asst. Sec., Aaron Thompson;  
Tres., Nathaniel Best.

Teacher - Mrs. C. T. Gibson



SIXTH & SEVENTH GRADES - Class Officers: Pres., Theresa Smith; V.Pres.,  
Linwood Bell; Sec. Leonard Spruill; Treas., Joe Kornegay; Chairman  
Program Committee, Catherine Coley.

Teacher - Mr. W. L. Baker



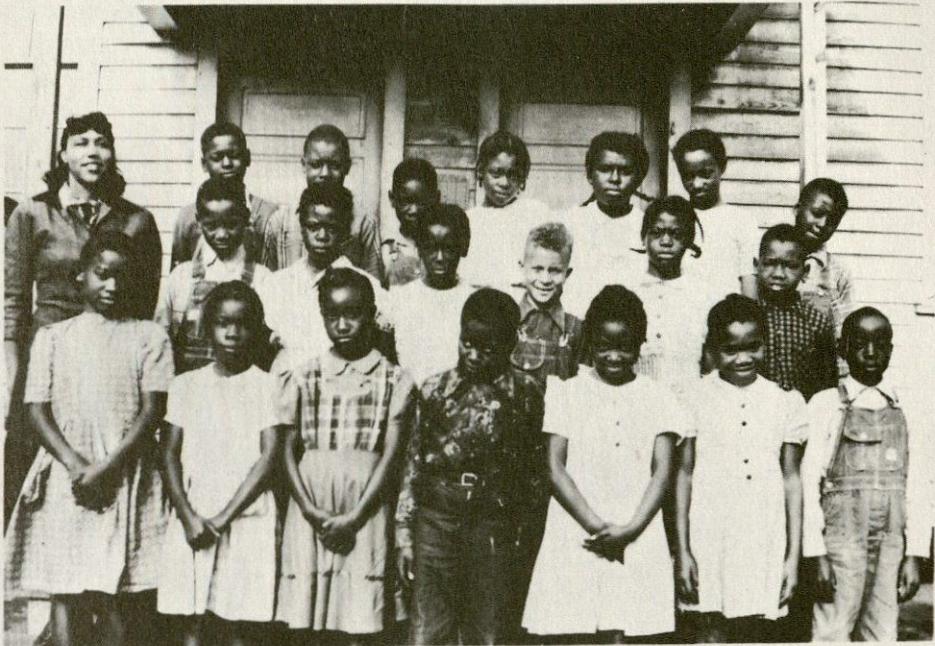
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Teacher - F. L. Larkin



FIFTH GRADE - Class Officers: Pres., Anna Rose Lyons; V.Pres., Addie Bell Best; Sec., Vernel Jackson; Asst. Sec., Elizabeth Lewis.

Teacher - Miss V. F. Foster



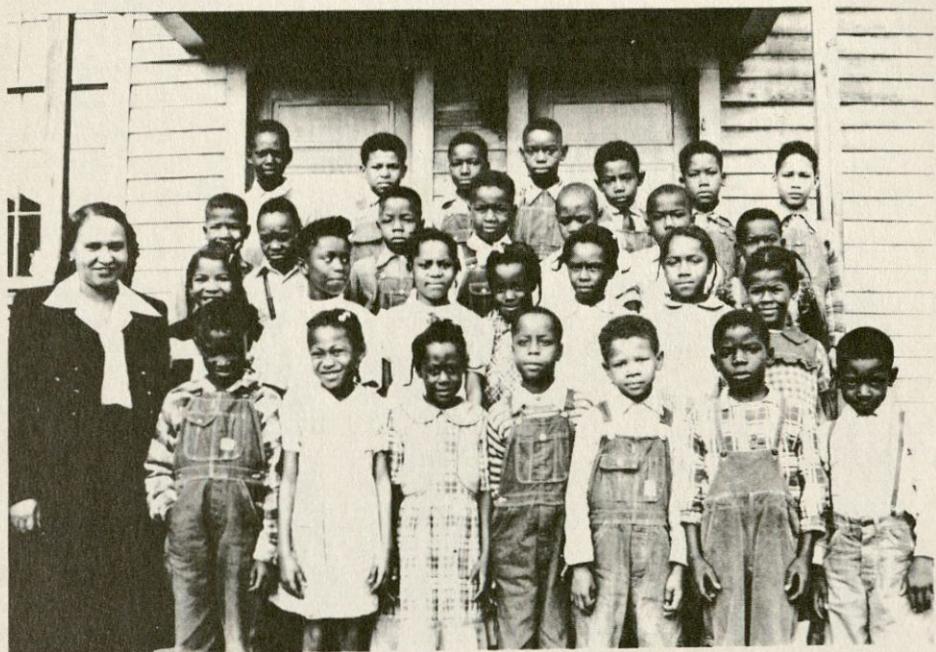
FOURTH GRADE - Class Officers: Pres., Johnnie B. Atkinson; V.Pres., James Best, Jr.; Sec., Velma A. Best; Asst. Sec., Lois Jones.  
Reporters, Mildred Jones and Estelle Hinson.

Teacher - Mrs. M. B. Smith



FOURTH GRADE - Class Officers: Pres., Helen Cox; V.Pres., Verna Battle; Sec., Lena Davis; Asst. Sec., Carolyn Parks; Treas., James Cox.

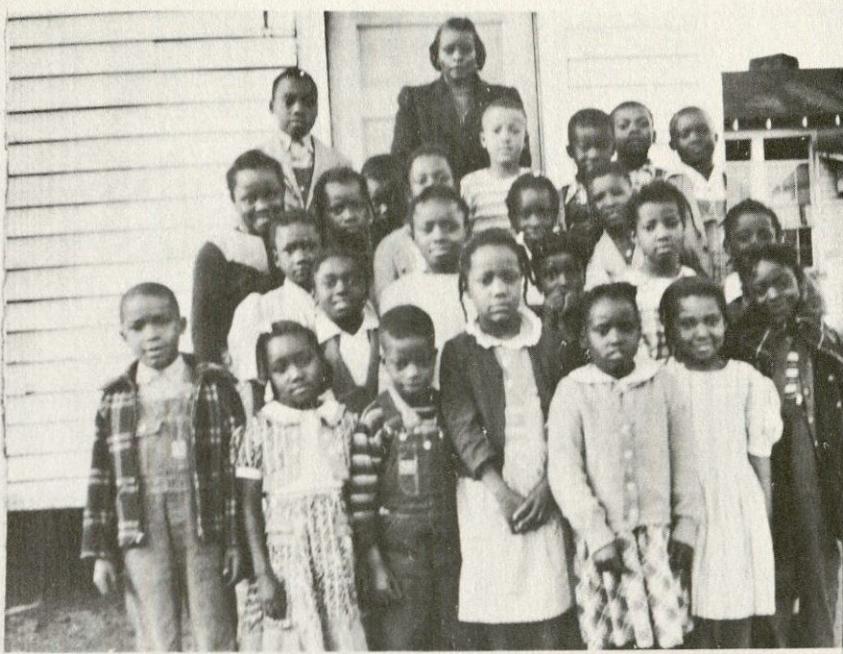
Teacher - Miss B. M. Washington



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Teacher - Mrs. L. C. Smith



THIRD GRADE - Class Officers: Pres., Audrey Atkinson; Sec., Hilda B. Coley; Asst. Sec., Christine Simmons; Reporter, Flinwood Croom.  
Teacher - Mrs. A. G. Thornton.



SECOND GRADE - Class Officers: Pres., Milton Rogers; V.Pres., Rosa L. Baker; Sec., Delois Spruill; Asst. Sec., M. Christine Sutton.  
Teacher - Miss B. F. Hines



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Teacher - Miss M. Best



FIRST GRADE - Class Officers: Pres., Wesley Henderson; V.Pres., Jimmy Lee Hall; Sec., Melba Oreta Smith; Asst. Sec., Doris Marie Kornegay.  
Teacher - Mrs. J. S. Stroud

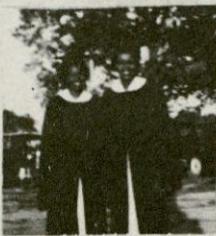
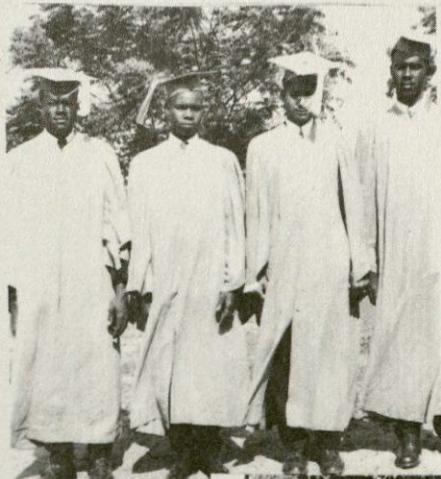
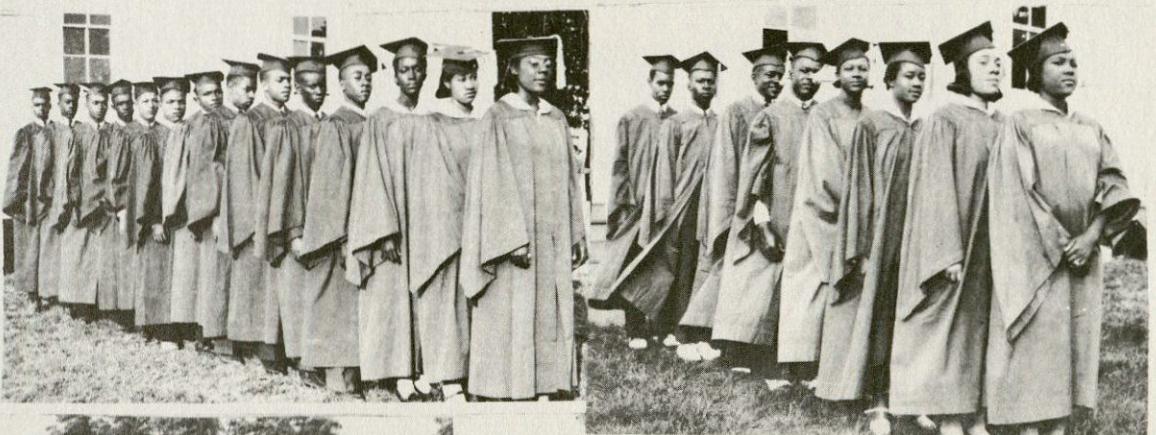
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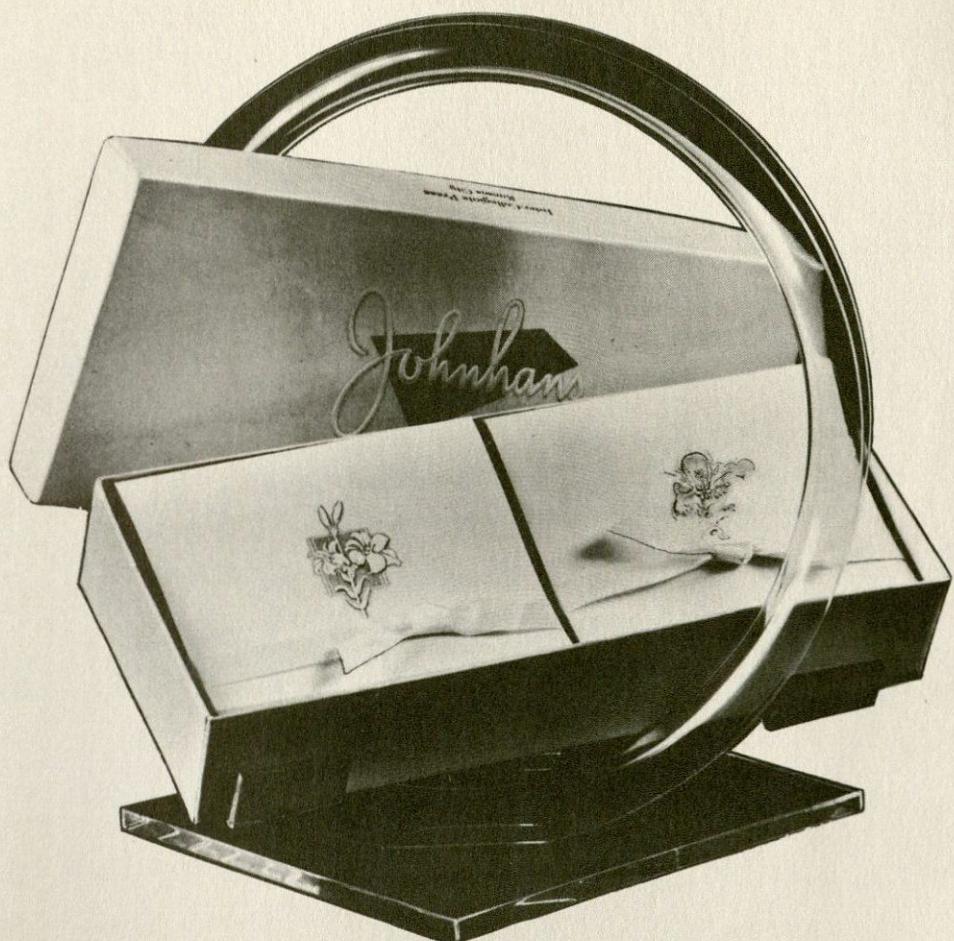
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